Development of N.Hs.

4784. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop the National Highways Linking Delhi with other metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds required for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) As development of National Highways is a continuous process, such works on National Highways, including those linking Delhi with other metropolitan cities, are taken up, depending upon the availability of funds therefor.

Training Centre for Naval Personnel at Kottakkal

4785. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a training centre for Naval Personnel at Kottakkal in Calicut district of Kerala, which is the place of brith of Kunhali Marakkar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable.

Funds to NGOs

4786. SHRI BASU DEV ACHARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Non-Government Organisations those are getting aid/grant from the Government;

(b) the amount received by these Non Government Organisations during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have assessed their performance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Aid/grant to Non Government Organisations is given by the Government through a large number of Ministries/Departments. Details of such grants are not maintained centrally. However, the Annual Reports of various Ministries/Departments generally contain the details of grants of Rs. One lakh and above. These Annual Reports are laid on the Houses of Parliament and are also available in the Parliament Library. The Department of Education has provided grant of approximately Rs. 35.62 crores, Rs. 46.01 crores and Rs. 46.18 crores during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively in the major sectors of Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Adult Education (Literacy), Development of Languages and Book Promotion.

(c) and (d) Schemes generally stipulate pre-sanction scrutiny of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). There are inbuilt mechanisms for appraisals of proposals from various agencies prior to sanction and subsequent monitoring. Besides, there is a provision for inspection by Central and State agencies and utilisation certificate for earlier grant is insisted upon before release of fresh grants. Whenever the performance of the NGO is found not satisfactory, the financial assistance is discontinued.

[*Translation*]

National School of Drama

4787. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of the Branches of the National School of Drama in National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) the financial assistance provided to it during the last three years; and

(c) the details of its achievement?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) There is no branch of National School of Drama in National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

UGC Office at Calcutta

4788. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zonal Office of University Grants Commission in Calcutta has become operational;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and